

## ALASKAN RAILWAY URGED BY FISHER

Cabinet Member Would Use  
Panama Canal's Machinery  
for New Work.

### ASKS CONGRESS TO ACT

Within the shortest possible time the government will begin the construction of railroads in Alaska for the development of that Territory if suggestions made by Secretary Fisher, of the Interior Department, to Chairman Boohar, of the House Committee on Territories, are put in the form of legislation.

Secretary Fisher has just returned from an inspection of the Panama Canal, and he informs the chairman of the House committee that there is railroad equipment of all sorts and kinds available on the isthmus, some of which can be obtained now, and all of which can be obtained by June, 1912. The Secretary also informs Chairman Boohar that the government has an engineering and executive organization on the isthmus which must soon be disbanded unless we seize the present opportunity to transfer as much of it as may be needed to Alaska.

**Proud of Enterprise.**  
In the course of his letter Secretary Fisher says that the United States has never carried on any governmental enterprise of which it has greater reason to be proud, or with which it should be better satisfied, every way, than the construction of the Panama Canal, and incidentally the operation of the railroad across the isthmus, which has been and is now being utilized in connection with the canal. The letter then continues: "The work at Panama is nearing completion. We have there an engineering and executive organization which must soon be disbanded unless we seize this opportunity to transfer as much of it as may be needed to Alaska. It is an opportunity which would not be lost. There is at Panama a very considerable amount of machinery and tools suitable for railroad construction, and also of railway materials and equipment which the Isthmian Canal Commission has been using in its work, but the need of which will rapidly diminish during the coming months, and all of which must ultimately be sold, and much of it for prices far below its real value for utilization in Alaska."

**Sends Machinery List.**  
Secretary Fisher furnishes a list, made up by the quartermaster's department of the Isthmian Canal Commission, of machinery suitable for railroad construction work which can be used in Alaska. Included in the list are locomotives, switches, rails, angle-bars, bolts, tie plates, etc., and about sixteen hundred wooden flat cars, five hundred steel flat cars, etc.

The Secretary says that while Alaska needs railroads, and the great essential for its development is the construction of a railroad from tidewater to the valley of the Yukon, thus connecting the great interior waterway system with the coast, and there with the world.

The Secretary incloses a bill to carry out his suggestions, which is the result of one originally introduced by Representative Flood, the redrafting being suggested by Chairman Boohar. The Secretary strongly urges that action be taken at once.

### STRONG FOR CHAMP CLARK.

Italian and Greek Clubs Hear Spiro Ladies Speak.

An enthusiastic meeting of the local Italian and Greek Club, held yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Hamilton, Sixth and G streets north-west.

The president, Spiro Ladies, called the attention of the audience to the many disparaging comparisons that Woodrow Wilson made in his book, declaring that Mr. Wilson had virtually placed the Mongolian race among the more desirable elements than those of Italy and Greece, whose blood, the speaker declared, flowed through the veins of many of America's most prominent and most "desirable" citizens.

That Champ Clark has a warm place in the hearts of Greeks and Italians was attested by their hearty manifestations at this meeting.

A collection of buttons, dating from the ninth century, left by a man who recently died at Ghent, in France, and valued at \$6,000. It began with a button taken from the robe of Charlemagne.

## Four Senators-elect Arrive in Capital City



THOMAS B. CATRON,  
Of New Mexico.



ALBERT B. FALL,  
Of New Mexico.

Marcus A. Smith and Henry F. Ashurst, from Arizona, and Albert B. Fall and Thomas B. Catron, from New Mexico, Will Take Their in the Senate To-morrow.

Four Senators-elect, Marcus Aurelius Smith and Henry F. Ashurst, from Arizona, and Albert B. Fall and Thomas B. Catron, from New Mexico, will be sworn in at the opening of the Senate to-morrow. One of the new Senators will, by lot, draw a term of only one year, another one of five years, while the other two will serve three years each. The Senate will adjourn to-day out of respect to Senator Taylor, who died yesterday. Senators Smith and Ashurst reached Washington yesterday, and the two new legislators from New Mexico will arrive to-day.

From their representation in the Senate, both New Mexico and Arizona may be claimed as Southern States. Senator Catron was born in Missouri, and served four years in the Confederate army. Senator Fall was born in Kentucky and counts himself a Southerner. Senator Smith was also born in Kentucky, and Senator Ashurst's father was a Kentuckian.

There are contrasts as well in the two delegations. The Senators from New Mexico are Republicans, and those from Arizona are Democrats. Senator Catron will take his place among the "elder statesmen," having passed his seventieth year. He may be counted a conservative or a reactionary. Senator Fall is a progressive, though he talks at the recall of judges and is not altogether unopposed of the modern substitutes for representative government. Senator Smith is as conservative as a Senator from Arizona could well be, and Senator Ashurst is a radical progressive, as well as being the next to the youngest member of the Senate, being thirty-six years old.

### Represent Oldest Soil.

The Senators from New Mexico will represent the oldest civilization that has persisted on American soil. Santa Fe was founded before Jamestown, and its famous old church of San Miguel was built by the grandson of Cortez, the great-grandson of Montezuma, a score of years before the Pilgrim Fathers planted their feet on Plymouth Rock. Sixty per cent of the population of the new State are of Spanish stock.

Judge A. B. Fall was born in Frankfort, Ky., in 1842. He read law with the late Senator Lindsay, of that State, then lived first in Texas and then in old Mexico, where he has extensive mining interests. He settled in New Mexico in 1888, and at once became prominent in politics. He served three terms in the New Mexico senate, or council, as it was called, was twice attorney general, the latter time by appointment of Gov. Curry, now a member of Congress, and was a justice of the Supreme Court under President Cleveland.

Formerly a Democrat, he became a "Roosevelt Republican" after the Spanish war, having been captain of Company A, of the First Territorial Infantry. He was the leader of the progressive Republicans in the constitutional convention of 1910. As a prosecuting attorney he was the terror of evildoers, and in several instances only his proverbial courage prevented his assassination in the older and wilder days of the Territory.

He is a profound student of Spanish history, literature, and law, and is, perhaps, better acquainted with the real conditions in old Mexico than any one connected with the government of the United States.

Senator Fall speaks Spanish as readily as he does English, and when addressing an audience of Americans and Spanish-Americans frequently acts as his own interpreter, with a sentence in English which he immediately translates into Spanish.

Judge Fall's home is at Three Rivers, N. Mex. He is married and has a family of boys and girls. He has a law office at El Paso, Tex., his practice being mainly confined to railroad and mining interests.

### Another Marcus Aurelius.

Senator Mark Smith, as he is usually called, there has not been a Marcus Aurelius in the Senate since the days of M. A. Hannan, was born in Kentucky, January 24, 1862, was educated at Transylvania University, at Lexington, and went to Arizona in 1881. He was elected prosecuting attorney the following year, and then began his long career as a delegate to Congress. He is no stranger in Washington, having lived here for twelve years as the Arizona delegate to the Fifteenth, Fifty-third, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-ninth, and Sixtieth Congresses. He was superceded for the last two terms by Representative Cameron, on the theory that during a Republican administration, there might be more chance of Statehood with a Republican delegate.

But in the race for the Senate, Mr. Smith received the majority over Mr. Cameron, and the new State returned to its old allegiance to the Democratic party.

Senator Smith is of tall and commanding presence, wears a mustache, now tinged with gray, and his Congressional experience will make him a useful Senator.

Henry F. Ashurst was born in Nevada, but he is nearer to being a native of Arizona than nine-tenths of its citizens, since he moved to the Territory when he was one year old. He was a cowboy at fifteen, and a deputy sheriff at nineteen. After a course in hotel-keeping and hunting he decided to study law, and at the age of twenty-four he found himself the speaker of the Arizona house. Later he took a special law course at the University of Michigan, then was elected for two terms district attorney of Coconino County, and in 1906 moved to Prescott to practice his profession.

He became a candidate for the United States Senate last fall, and received the highest vote in the "advisory" election, which was mandatory upon the legislature, which has just elected him to the Senate of the United States. His platform advocated about every progressive proposition that is now being agitated in Congress, from the parcels post to old age pensions.

### Orator of Old School.

Senator Ashurst is an orator of the old school. As an Arizona admirer says of him: "He reaches up and plucks the flowers of speech." He stands over six feet in height, is smooth shaven, and will rate the average of personal pulchritude in the Senate while lowering correspondingly the average age.

Ninety-six Senators, when Colorado elects the one she is entitled to, Forty-eight States! Forty-eight stars in the flag! It will be long before the number of stars or of Senators is increased.

### WITHDRAWS AS REPUBLICAN.

W. W. Price Will Not Run for Congress from Maryland.

W. W. Price, of Prince George County, Md., who has been urged for weeks to become a candidate for Congress in the Republican primary in the Fifth district, announced last night that he would not seek the nomination of that party.

The fact is, Mr. Price is more of a Democrat than he is a Republican. His party record has been that of an independent, but he has by tradition been more associated with the Democrats of his county and State than with Republicans.

Since it became known yesterday that Mr. Price would not accept a Republican nomination if offered him, a movement has gained some headway to name him as a Democratic candidate upon the theory that he could easily control a large Republican vote in addition to that of the Democratic party.

## CALL WILEY BACK, IS PLEA TO TAFT

His Resignation Amounts to "National Calamity," Says New York Woman in Letter.

Protesting against the acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Harvey K. Wiley, and declaring that it amounts to a "national calamity," Alice Loken, chairman of the food committee of the National Consumers' League of New York, has written to President Taft a vigorous letter, in which she urges that the pure food expert and former chief of the Bureau of Chemistry in the Agricultural Department be reinstated.

In the course of her protest she writes: "Nothing so disastrous to the pure food movement has ever taken place as your acceptance of Dr. Wiley's resignation. It is a blow from which there is no recovery unless you take steps to induce him again to take his old position; and this, of course, would only be possible by the removal from office of the chief competitor and his assistant, Mr. McCabe and Dr. Dunlap. As I wrote you last summer, you may recall that I cited seven reasons why Secretary Wilson should be removed from office. Those reasons still hold, and the resignation of Dr. Wiley, after years of fruitless endeavor to secure the enforcement of the pure food law as it was originally intended, should be enforced only proves that I was right."

**Law Has Been Defted.**  
"The law has been deft by the very men who are now left in control of the field; men who have no interest at heart but their own. It is business first, and always. Nothing else counts with these manufacturers, who have steadily sought to secure Dr. Wiley's removal from office—first by a shameless plot to discredit him in your eyes, and later by a system of petty nagging, insulting in character, designed to drive him to resign."

"Mr. President, in view of the fact that great issues are at stake, and as this is a matter bound to react most disastrously on the Presidential campaign, will you not recall Dr. Wiley to his old office, remove the disturbing elements, that are directly opposed to the proper enforcement of the law, and thus assure the people that the administration is not opposed to the true interpretation of the pure food law—an interpretation that recognizes the courts as the final arbiters of all the cases, and not Mr. McCabe and other men in the Department of Agriculture who have betrayed the law?"

**"Special Interests" Justified.**  
"As matters stand to-day the 'special interest' stand justified before the world for all that they have done to kill the law. There is not a home in the land but is made less secure by the acceptance of Dr. Wiley's resignation. He stands for the rights of the people, it is the consumer who needs protection, and not those industries that have thriven by robbing the consumer."

## TAFT MEN GET CHEERING NEWS

Vermont and Alaskan Delegations  
Reported Favorable to  
President.

President Taft received good political news yesterday from Alaska, Vermont and Missouri, upon his return from Philadelphia where he made several speeches. Awaiting him were telegrams which told of his success in the territorial convention of Alaska, held at Nome on Saturday, which endorsed his administration and candidacy and instructed its two delegates to the national convention to vote for his re-nomination, and of the outcome of the Vermont primaries, which, the Taft managers claim, virtually assure the President of the support of the Vermont delegation to the Chicago convention.

The two Alaska delegates bring the President's strength up to 74 instructed or pledged delegates, or more than one-half the number necessary for a choice. Here is a dispatch the President received from Vermont: "Taft will have a majority in the State convention of at least 16. The first district convention will give Taft a majority of 16, the second district has elected 16 delegates pledged to Taft; 16 pledged to Roosevelt and 21 delegates unpledged and unknown."

From Alaska Mr. Taft received this message transmitted through the Taft headquarters here: "Please extend to the President greetings from the first unanimous Republican convention ever held in Alaska. Convey to him the following resolution which has just been unanimously adopted by a standing vote: 'Resolved, That we hereby unanimously endorse the administration; we commend its wise, progressive economic and patriotic course. We commend the friendly interest of the President in our problems. We instruct the delegates from Alaska to the national convention to vote for and do their utmost to secure the nomination of President Taft.'

## DEMOCRATS WATCH FIGHT IN WISCONSIN

Victory or Loss in State Will Have  
Vital Bearing on Wilson's  
Candidacy.

There is unusual interest among Democratic politicians in the outcome of the primary election to be held in Wisconsin to-morrow. Gov. Woodrow Wilson's friends have been claiming Wisconsin, and until recently it looked as if it would carry the State easily. But in the last four weeks the friends of Speaker Clark have put up an unusually vigorous campaign and are now claiming the State. It is the opinion of Democrats, the loss of Wisconsin will be a heavy blow to Gov. Wilson's hopes. If he carries it, it will undoubtedly be a great help to his candidacy.

The strongest opponent Gov. Wilson has in the Northern States is the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker carried his own State, Missouri, broke even with Gov. Wilson in Oklahoma, defeated for the first choice delegates in Kansas, and bids fair to carry Iowa. The managers of Gov. Wilson's candidacy have explained the votes of these States for Speaker Clark on the ground of neighborly interest. All of the States border on Missouri. To this list of Clark States may also be added Arkansas on the south.

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### W. E. D. Stokes Recovering.

New York, March 31.—W. E. D. Stokes, who was operated on yesterday, is recovering from an operation on his heel that took place on Friday in his apartments in the Ansonia. It was performed by Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, who was called in by Mr. Stokes' physician, Dr. L. B. Botton Bangs. It is stated that the affliction of the millionaire's foot was not due to any specific accident or injury and that he is doing well.

### Fire Record Yesterday.

9:30 a. m.—No. 2 Engine Company on still alarm to 734 Thirtieth street northwest. False alarm.  
11:25 a. m.—Box 65 for fire at 30 Bales street northwest, occupied by Mrs. Harriet G. Goshen. Caused by overturned gas stove. Damage, \$20.  
12:25 p. m.—No. 9 Engine Company on still alarm for fire on second floor of house at 1761 V street, occupied by Thomas Boucher. Cause not learned. Damage, \$20.  
4:00 p. m.—Box 65 for fire in stable east of 800 1st, and 2nd Virginia streets northwest. Cause not learned. Damage, \$10.

### DEATH RECORD.

**WHITE.**  
Mary E. Cook, 66, 142 2nd st. n. w.  
Leonard D. Collins, 38, 11 E. Soldiers' Home.  
John H. Jullian, 28, 1735 14th st. n. w.  
Eugene A. Stiebel, 27, 2323 14th st. n. w.  
Henry J. McDermott, 31, 2111 12th st. n. w.  
**COLORADO.**  
Julia Green, 25, Freedmen's Hope.  
Samuel A. Shanks, 40, 471 L. st. n. w.  
Martha E. Pennington, 32, 1013 13th st. n. w.  
Carrie Riley, 33, Garfield Hospital.  
Rodney Coleman, 30, 2111 New York ave. n. w.  
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